

Claim 7 is allowable at least for the reason that claim 7 recites a combination of elements including a storage electrode at the interior of a gate insulating film and overlapping with the gate line.

None of the cited references teaches or suggests each and every element of the claims.

Kawahata may teach a storage capacitor Cs having a lower electrode and an upper electrode 15, a gate insulating film 8, an insulating film 10, and a gate line 7' serving as the lower electrode, but the reference does not teach a storage electrode at the interior of a gate insulating film to overlap/overlapping with the gate line as recited by claims 1 and 7.

In contrast, in the present application the storage electrode is at the interior of the gate insulating film, as shown for example in Figure 5.

Moreover, claims 2-4 and 8-16 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on claims 1 and 7, which are believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7371.


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